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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/63/105 of 19 March 2008, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint four members and four alternate members to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee, for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Valeria María González Posse (Argentina);

Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation);

Gerhard Küntzle (Germany);

Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe);

Muhammad A. Muhith (Bangladesh);

Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya);

Thomas A. Repasch, Jr. (United States of America);

Jun Yamada (Japan).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow (see annex).

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Annex

Valeria María González Posse (Argentina)

Date of birth: 5 October 1966, Córdoba, Argentina.

Profession: Career diplomat, Counsellor.

Languages: Spanish, English and Italian. Some knowledge of French and Portuguese.

Education

1993 Graduated from the National Foreign Service Institute (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship), Buenos Aires.

1991 Admitted to the National Foreign Service Institute, through a public competition.

1989 Lawyer. Graduated from the Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina.

Professional experience

Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly (forty-ninth to fifty-sixth sessions).

2001-present	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee, member of the Board.
2007-2008	Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
2006-2007	Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
2005-present	Deputy Consul General, Argentine Consulate in Houston.
2003-2004	Member of the Working Group reviewing the size and composition of the Pension Board and the Standing Committee.
2004	First Vice-President of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
1996-2001	Member of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations. Member of the Argentine delegation to the Fifth Committee. Within the Mission, responsible for matters concerning the remuneration of diplomatic personnel abroad.
2000-2001	Member of the Security Council Working Group on general matters relating to sanctions.
1999-2000	Delegate to the Security Council. Responsible for matters relating to sanctions and the Council's sanctions Committees.
2000-2001	Chairman of the Committee on Conferences.
1999	Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1998	Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Conferences.
1998-2000	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

1993-1996	Responsible for matters relating to peacekeeping operations, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1994-1996	Official visits to the following peacekeeping operations: ONUMOZ (Mozambique), UNPROFOR (former Yugoslavia), UNFICYP (Cyprus), UNIKOM (Iraq-Kuwait) and UNTSO (Golan Heights).

Publications

"Post-conflict peace-building, making efforts count: reconstruction, elections and beyond", in *The Psychology of Peacekeeping* (1998, Praeger Publishers), Harvey J. Langholtz, editor.

Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation)

Born: 4 October 1960, Moscow.

Education

1977-1982	Master of Arts, International Economics, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University).
1987	Professional training at the Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Foreign languages

English and French.

Current position

Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York, Senior Counsellor, Head, Administrative and Budgetary Section.

Professional experience

2000-2004	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, International Organizations Department: Counsellor, budget, finance and human resources issues of international organizations.
1996-2000	Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva: First Secretary, representing the Russian Government at sessions of the governing bodies of international organizations based at Geneva (International Labour Organization, International Telecommunication Union, World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Meteorological Organization) in respect of budget, finance and human resources issues.
1994-1996	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, International Organizations Department: Second Secretary, economic affairs, administrative and budgetary issues of international organizations of the United Nations system.
1990-1994	Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (subsequently the Russian Federation) in Senegal: Third and Second Secretary, economic affairs.
1987-1990	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, African Department: Attaché, technical cooperation and external debt issues.
1982-1987	Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Guinea: Technical Cooperation Officer.

United Nations and international organizations

2003-present	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.

1998-2000	Representing the Council of the International Telecommunication Union at the Board and Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.
2000-2004	Member of the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration (coordinated organizations: North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Council of Europe, Western European Union, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, European Space Agency, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts).
2001-2004	Alternate member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe.
2001-2004	Member of the Advisory Group (on administrative and budgetary issues) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

Gerhard Küntzle (Germany)

Date of birth:	6 May 1955
Place of birth:	Bietigheim, Germany
Marital status:	Married, three children

Career

2007-present	Deputy Head, Permanent Mission of Germany to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna
2004	Budget Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
2003-2004	Fellow, Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University
1999-2003	Deputy Budget Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
1997-1999	Representative of Germany on the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York
1995-1997	Planning and Compliance Officer, Office of Internal Oversight Services, United Nations Secretariat, New York
1991-1995	Desk Officer for UNICEF, UNHCR and UNRWA, United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1989-1991	Consul, German Embassy, Beijing
1988-1989	Protocol Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1986-1988	Professional Training, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
Since 1998	Representative of the General Assembly on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Education

1985/86	University of Stuttgart, Germany Graduation in Political Science, English Language and Literature

Studies in Paris:

1981/82	Institut d'Etudes politiques; Université de Paris I — Sorbonne
1979/80	Assistant teacher, Bournemouth, United Kingdom

Associations

German Society for Foreign Policy

United Nations Association of Germany

Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe)

Date of birth:	11 April 1957
Marital status:	Single

Education

1999	MBA (Finance), St. John's University, New York
1982	Bachelor of Administration, University of Zimbabwe

Professional experience

March 2007-present	Ambassador to Zambia and Permanent Representative to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
May 2006-February 2007	Division Head, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
July 2004-April 2006	Acting Divisional Head, Europe and the Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2002-2004	Director, Europe and the Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2001-2002	Principal Administrative Officer, Policy Research and Promotion, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993-2000	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, responsible for Fifth Committee and Security Council; Member of the Zimbabwean delegation to successive sessions of the General Assembly
1992-1993	Assistant Secretary responsible for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1988-1992	Counsellor, Embassy of Zimbabwe, Maputo
1988-1990	Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of Zimbabwe, Maputo
1985	Senior Administrative Officer, Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1984	Administrative Officer, North Africa and the Middle East, Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
February 1983	Customs Officer, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development

Professional training

August 2006	Executive course in defence and security management, University of Zimbabwe

June 2005	Seminar on European Union-Africa peace and security cooperation, Paris
May 1999	Training workshop/seminar on United Nations peacekeeping, International Peace Academy, New York
May 1995	Training workshop/seminar on United Nations peacekeeping, peacebuilding and peacemaking, International Peace Academy, New York
September 1985	Diplomatic course, Cairo
1983	Diplomatic course, Harare

Muhammad A. Muhith (Bangladesh)

Date of birth

1 January 1966

Current position

Minister, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations

Bangladesh delegate to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, September 2004-present

Recent responsibilities

Vice-Chairman, Bureau of the Fifth Committee, sixtieth session of the General Assembly

Rapporteur, Bureau of the Committee on Information of the United Nations, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions (2005-2006)

Previous positions/service record

September 2004-March 2008	Counsellor and Head of Chancery, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations, New York
August 2002-August 2004	Director (Foreign Secretary's Office), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka
June 2000-July 2002	First Secretary/Counsellor and Head of Chancery, Bangladesh Embassy, Doha, Qatar
January 1999-May 2000	Second Secretary/First Secretary, Bangladesh Embassy, Rome
August 1995-December 1998	Third Secretary/Second Secretary, Bangladesh Embassy, Kuwait
April 1993-July 1995	Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka
April 1993	Joined Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs Cadre)
October 1989-March 1993	Probationary Officer/Officer, Pubali Bank Limited, Bangladesh

Training

August 1993-February 1994	Foreign affairs training, Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka
September-December 1994	Civil Service Foundation Training, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Dhaka

August 1995-November 1996	Diploma in Arabic Language in Kuwait University
February 2003	"Use of IT in Public Administration", Singapore
July 2006	"Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy" organized by UNITAR and International Peace Academy, Norway

Education

1987	Bachelor of Social Science, Dhaka University, major in sociology, minor in economics and psychology
1989	Master of Social Science (Sociology), Dhaka University

Languages

Bangla and English (excellent)

Arabic (good)

Civil status

Married with two daughters

Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya)

Date of birth	30 June 1956 Married with two children

Education

1977-1980	University of Nairobi, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Upper Second Class Hons. (Best overall student award).
1980-1981	Kenya School of Law, Diploma in Law. Admitted as Advocate of High Court of Kenya.
	Pupillage with Waruhiu and Muite Advocates and legal practice with the firm.

Training courses

Attended many training programmes, including the following:

	IOMAC/IOI Training Programme in Marine Affairs/Law of the Sea, Kuala Lumpur, 1988.
	Refugee Law training seminars, Kenya, 1989.
	Internship programme at the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Bonn, on legal protection of biological diversity, 1990.
	UNITAR training programme on peacemaking and preventive diplomacy, Burg Schleining, Austria, 1994.

Employment

1981-1983	Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya.
1983-January 1988	Second Secretary, later, First Secretary, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
February 1988-December 1989	Senior Legal Officer/Deputy Head of Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
January 1990-December 1990	Acting Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
January 1991-June 1992	Special Assignment as Legal Adviser to the Kenya Government on United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), responsible for negotiating several environmental treaties, including Biodiversity, Climate Change and post-UNCED institutional arrangements.

1992-1993	Head, Legal Division/Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
September 1993-November 1996	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
	Delegate to the Fifth Committee as well as the Sixth and Third Committees.
	Actively participated in the Working Groups on United Nations reform, Security Council reform, financial situation of the United Nations and Agenda for Peace.
	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the 1995 NPT Review Conference.
March-September 1996	Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
November 1996-January 1999	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
January 1999-May 2000	Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nairobi.
June 2000-March 2003	Director for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
March 2003-April 2005	Deputy Permanent Representative/Consul General, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations Office at Geneva.
April 2005-present	Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Member of the Board since January 1995. Elected and served as Second Vice-Chairman of the fifty-second session and First Vice-Chairman of the fifty-fourth session.

International meetings and conferences

Attended many international conferences, including the following:

1991-2007	Member and Coordinator of the delegation of Kenya to fifteen sessions of the General Assembly, New York. Key negotiator of the 2006 General Assembly resolution on arms trade treaty.
February-March 2000	Shuttle diplomacy between Kigali, Bujumbura, Kampala and Kinshasa.

March 2000	Delegate to the Conference of the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa Region on the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons.
March 2000	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the COMESA Workshop on Peace and Security, Lusaka; Chairman of the Drafting Committee.
February 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Extraordinary Summit of OAU, Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
July 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the OAU Council of Ministers Summit, Lusaka, Zambia.
August-September 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa.
October 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Africa-European Union Ministerial Conference, Brussels.
November 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Preparatory Meeting of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development.
January-May 2002	Rapporteur of the Committee of Experts drafting instruments for the African Union.
2003-2007	Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (Ottawa Convention).
June 2006	Member of the Kenya delegation to the ministerial summit on armed violence and development, Geneva.
November 2006	Member of the African fact-finding mission on the human rights situation in Darfur.
2006	Disarmament Commission.
2006	Sixth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention.
April-May 2007	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 NPT Review Conference.
June 2008	Co-chair of the Standing Committee of the intersessional meetings of the Ottawa Convention, Geneva.
2008	Member of the intergovernmental working group to advise the Secretary-General on the arms trade treaty, 2008.

Articles and publications

Has written several articles and publications, including the following:

The admissibility of illegally obtained evidence: a study in the theoretical foundations of criminal justice (to be published).

"The effectiveness of international environmental law in Africa", *African Environment Bulletin*.

The Evolution and Development of Diplomatic Immunity Law.

Human rights law: international concepts and their application in Kenya.

"The international legal regime of human rights", paper presented to a Workshop on Human Rights and the Public Service, KCCT, Mbagathi, March 1999.

"Diplomatic immunity with respect to international organizations; The case of the PTA Bank", *Legal opinion* (*Foreign Affairs Bulletin*), July 1999.

"The doctrine of sovereignty in international relations", *Foreign Affairs Bulletin*, January 2000.

Professional memberships

Member of the Law Society of Kenya since 1992.

Vice-Chairman (1999-2000) and Chairman (2000-2003) of the *Foreign Affairs Bulletin* Editorial Board.

Hobbies

Reading, writing, travelling and surfing the Internet.

Thomas A. Repasch, Jr. (United States of America)

Professional experience

2007-present	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
2006-present	Charter member of the Pension Board's Audit Committee.
2000-2006	Minister, Counsellor and Senior Adviser on United Nations management and reform, United States Mission to the United Nations, New York.
1996-2006	Member of the United States delegations to the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1972-1995	Extensive financial and operational audit experience as an auditor for the United States General Accounting Office in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Panama.

Education and professional development

1972	Bachelor of Arts in economics/business administration, magna cum laude, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (major in accounting).
2002	Graduate of the United Nations Senior Management Seminar, Copenhagen and New York.
2005 1991	Graduate of senior executive leadership programme at the Federal Executive Development Centers in West Virginia (2005) and Colorado (1991).
1993	Recipient of the Comptroller General's Meritorious Service Award for outstanding accomplishments in auditing and evaluating Government activities in the United States General Accounting Office.
1985	Graduate of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., with a certificate in national security issues.

Certification

Certified Government Financial Manager, awarded by the Association of Government Accountants.

Personal

Born 21 July 1950 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Father of Michael Repasch, musician, record producer and production assistant.

Member, Board of Alumni, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Volunteer in a variety of activities dealing with the arts and musical theatre.

Jun Yamada (Japan)

Date and place of birth

1 September 1969, Osaka, Japan

Academic history

1996	MA in international relations, Graduate School of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan.
2001	MA in political science, Graduate Programme in Political Science, York University, Toronto, Canada.

Current position

Since 2007, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, in charge of administrative and budgetary affairs including the United Nations regular budget, peacekeeping mission budgets, budgets of the international tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, programme planning, pattern of conferences (currently a member of the Committee on Conferences), conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials, and the United Nations pension system.

Professional experience

2006-2007	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, International Cooperation Bureau, Global Issues Cooperation Division: Chief of Voluntary Contribution Funds Unit (in charge of Trust Fund for Human Security, UNDP funds and World Bank funds)
2004-2006	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Global Issues Department, Global Issues Policy Division, official in charge of Trust Fund for Human Security
2003-2004	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Multilateral Cooperation Department, United Nations Administration Division, official in charge of Trust Fund for Human Security
2001-2003	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, North American Bureau, First North America Division, official in charge of Japan-Canada political relations
1999-2001	Embassy of Japan in Canada, Third Secretary, in charge of public relations and protocol
1997-1999	Academic assignment to York University, Toronto, Canada
1996-1997	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, North American Bureau, First North America Division
1996	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Foreign Policy Bureau, Policy Planning Division

Languages

Japanese, English and intermediate knowledge of French